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Dear District Administrator:

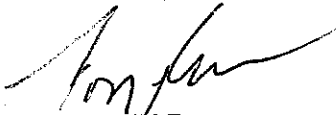
As part of our Longitudinal Data System (LDS) Project, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is pursuing opportunities to include data about the college enrollment and completion of our state's high school graduates. We are currently in the process of securing a contract with National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), a unique organization that is able to provide postsecondary enrollment and degree verification data from over 3,300 postsecondary institutions around the country. A state level contract in Wisconsin will provide each district and high school the opportunity to take advantage of NSC services at no cost to the district. Though the contract is not yet finalized, we anticipate it will be approved before the end of the school year. Thus, your district need not sign up for or renew a contract with NSC.

We will provide additional information about National Student Clearinghouse services when our contract is finalized. In the meantime, for more information about the LDS Project here at DPI, please visit our LDS Homepage: <http://dpi.wi.gov/lds>. For more information about National Student Clearinghouse, please visit: <http://www.studentclearinghouse.org/default.asp>.

If you have any questions about the LDS Project, or about National Student Clearinghouse, please email us: LDShelp@dpi.wi.gov.

Finally, please share this good news with people in your district. We want to ensure that schools and districts are able to take full advantage of this exciting opportunity to gauge the college success of their graduates.

Sincerely,



Tony Evers, PhD
State Superintendent

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